

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition comprising an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer and a polyisobutylene.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition comprising an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer, a polyisobutylene and an ethylene propylene elastomer.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 2 wherein the ethylene propylene diene monomer includes about 25 to 75% ethylene and about 75 to 25% propylene.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition comprising about 5 to about 70% ethylene propylene diene monomer and about 95% to about 0% polyisobutylene.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition of claim 2 where in the polyisobutylene has a molecular weight of about 36,000 to about 100,000.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition of claim 2 where in the polyisobutylene has a molecular weight of about 45,000 to about 60,000.

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 2 further comprising hydrophilic particles.

Claims 11 - 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 2 further comprising therapeutic agents.

Claims 14 - 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition comprising an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer, including about 25% to 75% ethylene and about 75% to 25% propylene, a stabilizer, wherein the stabilizer is butyl rubber, and hydrophilic materials, wherein the hydrophilic materials are selected from the group consisting of xanthun gum, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, pectin, karaya and any combination thereof.

Claim 17 (cancelled)

Claim 18 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition comprising about 5% to about 40% EDPM, about 10% to about 80% PIB, up to about 35% plasticizer, up to about 35% tackifier, and up to about 40% hydrophilic particles.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition comprising an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer, a polyisobutylene and a styrenic block copolymer.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 19 wherein said styrenic block copolymer comprises up to about 35% of the hydrocolloid composition.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 19 further comprising additives.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 21 wherein the additives are selected from the group consisting of tackifiers, stabilizers, hydrophilic particles and plasticizers.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): A dressing comprising:

a hydrocolloid composition comprising an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer; and a substrate with the hydrocolloid composition disposed thereon.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): The dressing of claim 23 wherein said hydrocolloid composition further comprises polyisobutylene.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The dressing of claim 24 wherein the hydrocolloid composition further comprises styrene block copolymer.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): The dressing of claim 25 further comprising additives.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): The dressing of claim 26 wherein the additives are selected from the group consisting of tackifiers, stabilizers, hydrophilic particles, therapeutic agents and plasticizers.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The dressing of claim 23 wherein the dressing is in the form of a wound dressing, ostomy dressing, bandage or blister patch.

Claim 29 (withdrawn): A hydrocolloid composition comprising an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer and styrenic block copolymer.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 29 further comprising additives.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 30 wherein said additives are selected from the group consisting of tackifiers, stabilizers, hydrophilic particles, therapeutic agents and plasticizers.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A hydrocolloid composition comprising:

~~an~~ a Royalene 521 ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer, wherein the hydrocolloid composition comprises ~~up to 70%~~ 8.4-15% Royalene 521 ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer and the Royalene 521 ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer comprises about 25% to 75% ethylene and about 75% to 25% propylene;

a polyisobutylene, wherein the hydrocolloid composition comprises up to about 95% polyisobutylene;

hydrophilic particles, wherein the hydrocolloid composition comprises about 20% to 40% hydrophilic particles; and

a plasticizer, wherein the hydrocolloid composition comprises up to about 35% plasticizer.

Claim 33 - 34 (cancelled)

Claim 35 (previously presented): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 32 further comprising therapeutic agents.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 32 further comprising a styrenic block copolymer.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 36 wherein said styrenic block copolymer comprises up to about 35% of the hydrocolloid composition.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 36 further comprising additives.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 32 wherein the hydrophilic particles are selected from the group consisting of xanthan gum, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, pectin, karaya and any combination thereof.

Claim 40 (new): A hydrocolloid composition comprising:

an ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer, wherein the hydrocolloid composition comprises up to 70% ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer and the ethylene propylene diene monomer polymer comprises about 25% to 75% ethylene and about 75% to 25% propylene;

a polyisobutylene, wherein the hydrocolloid composition comprises up to about 95% polyisobutylene;

hydrophilic particles, wherein the hydrocolloid composition comprises about 20% to 40% hydrophilic particles; and

a plasticizer, wherein the hydrocolloid composition comprises up to about 35% plasticizer;

wherein the hydrocolloid composition has a saline absorption percentage of about 318 % to 351%.

Claim 41 (new): The hydrocolloid composition of claim 40 wherein the hydrocolloid composition does not include butyl rubbers.